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Dear Jim & Vickie,

Sorry it has been so long since I have written. I always get to read your letters when we go over to Mom & Dad's.

It is too bad you won't be able to make it out here this month, but it will be fun to see you this summer. Have you thought more about moving yet? I bet it will be fun living somewhere else for a change since you've been there four years.

I have been feeling real good and am sure enjoying the time at home. There are so many things to do that I think it is a person's own fault if they let themselves get bored. I really like living in Seattle too, since it is so easy to walk downtown, to the library, or ^{go to} one of the art galleries or museums.

Tonight Mike and I go to one of our classes for expectant parents. It is really kind of fun, although very informal. Last week one of the things we learned was how to fold diapers.

If Vickie gets tired of teaching, an idea might be to go to business school for a few months, and then get a job in an office. I went to business school a couple different times to brush up on my shorthand, and there are all sorts of office-type skills they teach other than just typing. Also, once you do get a job in a business it is usually pretty easy to switch to something more interesting, even if you start in at a low level. I found this out from all my jobs -- but I never stayed long enough to really work it into something. Especially with Vickie's education, she should have no trouble I have always liked working in offices. There is usually a lot of activity going on. There are also so many "goof-offs" that the person who really tries to do ~~that~~ ^{this} job stands out and is noticed.

It has been so rainy here that I wish our sun and warm weather would start. I hope you were both able to stay away from those tornados back there.

Love, Mary